# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Changes in Old Age Pension Scheme
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed any mechanism to change the present pension of Rs. 1200 per month to elderly people to be increased on the basis of inflation in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline fixed for the implementation of the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor for not devising such mechanism?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Ministry has not proposed any mechanism to change the present pension amount to elderly people to be increased on the basis of inflation in future. The present pension amount paid to elderly people is Rs. 200/- per month and not Rs.1200/- per month.
Old Age Pension is provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme(IGNOAPS), which is a component of National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP), Ministry of Rural Development. Under IGNOAPS, central assistance is provided only to the persons belonging to below poverty line (BPL) household. At present the estimated number of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS is 2.21 crore.

(c): Keeping in view the budgetary allocation and financial constraints for covering the existing number of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS as well as other schemes of NSAP, at present, it may not be feasible to index inflation with old age pension scheme.

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